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1. [Currently Amended] A safety grip for engaging a long  
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barreled weapon ~~or the like~~ in a vertical attitude with barrel facing  
upwardly comprising a mounting bracket, said mounting bracket having a  
mounting plate and a support plate, said support plate having a recess  
therein, and said recess being open at one end thereof, said support plate  
being substantially horizontal when mounted as intended;

a nest pad, said nest pad being supported on said support  
plate, an opening in said nest pad, said opening being aligned with said  
recess in said support plate;

a ring disposed on said nest pad about said opening;

a slit in said nest pad, said slit running from an edge of said  
nest pad to said opening to thereby provide access to said opening through  
said slit.

*2* 2. [Currently Amended] The safety grip of Claim 1, ~~comprising~~  
~~a ring~~, said ring disposed being formed on said nest pad about said  
opening, and a slit in said ring coincident with said slit in said nest pad for  
receiving the barrel of a weapon to be secured in said safety grip within  
said ring.

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3. [Currently Amended] The safety grip of Claim 1, wherein  
said nest paid is of a pliable material, said material about said opening, and  
above said recess in said support plate adapted to frictionally engage the  
barrel of the weapon frictionally to secure the same in said safety grip.

4. Cancel Claim 4.

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5. [Original] The safety grip of Claim 1, wherein said opening  
comprises a pair of intersecting circular openings.

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6. [Original] The safety grip of Claim 1, wherein said nest pad  
is provided with at least one cut intersecting said opening therein to assist  
in accommodating various sized gun barrels.

7. Cancel Claim 7.

6 8. [Original] The safety grip of Claim 6, wherein several cuts  
are provided in said nest pad about the circumference of said opening.

7 9. [Currently Amended] The safety grip of Claim [[2]] 1,  
wherein said nest pad is of a pliable material and said ring is also made of  
pliable material.

8 10. [Currently Amended] The safety grip of Claim [[2]] 1,  
wherein said opening comprises a pair of intersecting circular openings.

9 11. [Original] The safety grip of Claim 2, wherein said nest pad  
is provided with at least one cut intersecting said opening therein to assist  
in accommodating various sized gun barrels.

10 12. [Currently Amended] The safety grip of Claim 5, <sup>4</sup> wherein  
several cuts are provided in said nest pad and said ring about the  
circumference of said opening.